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NOVEMBER 2020

TRINITY TIMES

A place to belong. A community that serves. Growing in God's abundant grace.

REOPENING GUIDELINES

Our TLCouncil has approved opening the Sanctuary to 50 people to attend worship in-person. If you are willing and able to attend, following our guidelines of masks, signing in for screening/ contact tracing, and social distancing. Please help spread the word by calling a Trinity friend you know is not online and who would like to attend in-person. **You no longer need to call the church to RSVP.** Small groups may use the Fellowship Hall (up to 30) or the Library (up to 10)

NOMINATIONS & CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS

Sun., Oct. 11 may have been the shortest Charge Conference, certainly for a group/ network of churches in history! 20 minutes, that included a short worship service, approval of nominations, clergy compensation, and zoom greetings of our fellow network churches (Asbury Memorial, Trinity, Abernethy, Haywood Street, St. Paul's, Wesley UNC-A Campus Ministry, Brooks Howell, Wellspring, Skyland, Biltmore, and Given's Estates).

2020-2021 TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

- ♦ Mike Pruett, Council Chair ('23)*
- ♦ Vernon & Joyce Robinson, Lay Leaders ('22)* (only one on Trustees when needed)
- ♦ Kay Cooke, Staff Parish Relations Chair ('21)*
- ♦ Sarah Pruett, Christian Formation, Fellowship & Nurture rep ('22)
- ♦ Maxine Schrader, Worship Team & Missions rep ('23)*
- ♦ Cathi Durham, Finance Chair ('21)*
- ♦ Mildred Dixon, Finance Team specialist & Finance Secretary
- ♦ Mark Locklear, Trustees Chair ('22)*
- ♦ Vicki Biggers, Trustees specialist ('21)*
- ♦ Sean & Celia Clark, Youth reps ('21)
- ♦ Laurie & Laszlo Bujdoso, Annual Conference Delegate & Alternate Delegate* ('23) (only one on Trustees when needed)

* Denotes Trustees when needed for official Trustees matters

NON-VOTING TLC MEMBERS/ ADVISORS

- ♦ Tom Patelidas & Ellen Mitchell, Treasurer & Assist. Treasurer
- ♦ Lee Thomas, Office Administrator & Music Director
- ♦ Andrew Tripp, Director of Children & Youth Ministries
- ♦ Nancy Dixon Walton, Pastor

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(This will be kept as a separate team to do confidential staffing resources work)

- ♦ '21 - Kay Cooke (SPRC chair), Bryce Parham, Jill Clark
- ♦ '22 - Chris Matthews, Julie Ruch, Vernon & Joyce Robinson (lay leaders)
- ♦ '23 - Mike Pruett (TLC Chair), Caroline Levi

NOVEMBER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER MISSIONS AT A GLANCE

- To date, we have collected \$12,474.50 in proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch, of which we expect ~33%, thus around \$4,116 to share with ABCCM, Advance Special UMC Missions Offering, Haywood Street, Meals on Wheels, Africa University Fund, the UMC World Service Fund, UNCA Wesley Foundation and all Missional items of our apportionments (~\$20,000).
- **Mon., Nov. 2, Manna LatinX Food Distribution at Emma UMC** (59 Adams Hill Rd., Avl 28806) . **Volunteers are especially needed to pack the produce and dry goods boxes from 12:30 - 2:30PM.** Please sign up by calling Lee, Andrew or signing up at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N8e3fNk4bxVHsqNNFLIRlluSPYcLVYDIZ0eagc7kqV8/edit#gid=623906490>. Please be sure you look at the Site tabs at the bottom and use the Emma location. Questions or need help, call the church office!



- **Sun., Nov. 15, RITI/ Red Roof Inn Supper** - Please donate items from the following list by **Thu., Nov. 12, 2PM**, and let us know if you'd like to help make the chili on **Sat., Nov. 14** in the church kitchen and/ or package the chili and cornbread on **Sun., Nov. 15, 3:30PM** prior to delivery around **5PM**.

WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

NOVEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Nov 1 – All Saints Sunday & Holy Communion

We will name all those who have died since last All Saints day and list all those you request for remembrance. If your loved one has died in the last year, please share their birth and death dates, if possible.



Nov 8 – Missional Network Joint Service

(Abernethy, Asbury Memorial, Blitmore, St. Paul's & Trinity UMCs) Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25 & Matthew 25:1-13

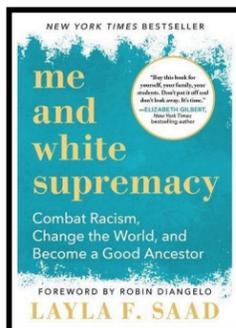
Nov 15 – Enter Into the Joy Manna in the Wilderness - Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 22 – Christ the King Sunday - Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent: Those Who Dream Series begins (Today we begin Lectionary Year B) - Keep Awake: Mark 13:24-37; Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

TUESDAY NOON COMMUNITY ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP IS STILL GOING!

Would you like to join a 2nd group that meets on Sunday afternoons?



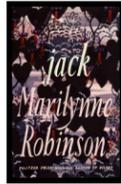
Are you interested in learning more about dismantling white supremacy and building more understanding and resiliency to support our black and brown bodied sisters and brothers? We are using the book **Me and White Supremacy** and reading only 1 chapter and doing journal reflections to guide discussion each week.

We'd love to have you on the journey. Please contact Jonathan Capp (cappson3@gmail.com) or Nancy Walton (nancy@trinitywavl.org) if you are interested. Currently, we meet by Zoom (or meet at church with your RSVP if

that is better for you) over the Lunch hour on Tuesdays. Please let us know if you'd like to be a part but cannot meet at this time. We have a second group forming to meet on a weeknight or weekend time.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BOOK GROUP

Next meets **Wed., Dec 9, 11AM**, in the Fellowship Hall (socially distanced) or via Zoom, reading the **LONG AWAITED** novel, **Jack**, by Marilynne Robinson! Let Nancy know if you'd like the Zoom link or need to order a book (cost is ~ \$21)



ABOUT DINE AND DIG

(Led by Mark and Melanie Robertson) "Dine and Dig" is a small group that centers around a shared meal and either a book study or scripture to "dig" into and meets **Wednesdays** from **6:30 - 8:30PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Mark and Melanie are more facilitators than teachers because all of us can "hear and receive" incite from scripture. Prayer is also a very big deal for us as we make a priority of praying for each other and our community weekly.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MISSION

RED WAGON

For **November**, we have supported the Family Resource Center at Emma Elementary, especially with their recent needs. This year we will collect throughout November the following requested items:

- Soups
- Jelly
- Dry Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Hygiene Products.



Please have items to the church by **Mon., Nov. 30** so we can deliver the first week of December or if you need pick up, call or email the church office. In December, we will look at the School Angel Tree for our Red Wagon.

MANNA FOOD DISTRIBUTION ~ EMMA COMMUNITY

Mon., Nov. 2, Emma UMC parking lot, 12:30-2:30PM (packing boxes) & 2:30 – 5PM (helping with distribution, loading into cars, etc.)

HOMeward BOUND/RITI/ RED ROOF INN MEALS

TUMC is providing supper on **Sun., Nov. 15** for the RITI/ Red



REMEMBERING TRINITY'S SAINTS



CAROLYN LANKFORD HARRISON
(10 Nov 1948 – 15 Nov 2019)



SYBIL LOUISE SILVERTHORN DUCKETT GAMBLE
(02 JAN 1917 – 29 NOV 2019)



JOHN MARVIN CROOK
(23 SEP 1939 – 8 DEC 2019)



WILLIAM EDWARD MILHOLEN, SR.
(15 DEC 1928 - 09 DEC 2019)



NANCY "NAN" GORDON
(10 APR 1946 – 23 DEC 2019)



DOROTHY JEAN OWENBY PARKER
(20 MAY 1947 – 15 JAN 2020)



KATHRYN "KITTY" COSBY CROUT
(16 FEB 1933 - 9 MAY 2020)



HAZEL THOMPSON HARWELL
(22 MAY 1925 –08 JUN 2020)



GUNNAR ERIK GUMMESSON
(10 SEP 1935 ~ 03 AUG 2020)



EDITH ANN "TOMMIE" RICE ELLER
(08 DEC 1928 - 11 AUG 2020)



MARY LANCE JOHNSTON WEST
(13 JAN 1924 – 12 AUG 2020)



DOROTHY "DOTTY" THOMPSON WHITLOCK
(29 Nov 1938 – 15 Aug 2020)



REBECCA ANN "BECKY" HARRIS GUMMESSON
(07 JAN 1932 – 21 SEP 2020)



ORBA LEE SMITH
(13 JAN 1924 – 25 SEP 2020)



GOLDA TILLERY HENSLEY COX
(05 DEC 1918 – 18 OCT 2020)

first husband, Harden Hensley, moved to Asheville in 1965. She graduated from Mars Hill High School, Mars Hill College (University) and Carson Newman College (University). At Carson Newman she held a number of offices in a literary society, was active in dramatics – giving a graduate recital, and was a member of the National Dramatics Fraternity. She did graduate work at Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University where she received certification in Library Science.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Chancel Choir, Co-Chair of the Young at Heart (YAH) senior group and Wednesday Night Live. She was a member of the Sprinkle-Bagwell Sunday School Class. She volunteered at Memorial Mission Hospital where she had served two terms as Auxiliary Vice-President and at the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries with almost twenty years of service. She was a member of Extension and Community Clubs where she had held several offices in local clubs and district. She was a former member and president of West Buncombe Fire Department Auxiliary and a past Worthy Matron of Vance Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star.

She taught in public schools for a number of years before going into library work.

After Harden's death she married Carl Cox. Through the senior group in church, they began The Young at Heart Tours and escorted tour groups for a number of years.

In addition to traveling, which she had done extensively, she enjoyed many crafts and reading. She enjoyed counted cross stitch, did ceramics, then went into china painting. She did a set of china with many extra pieces and two lamps.

She retired from Asheville City Schools.

Survivors include a special nephew William Cox and his wife Judy, a nephew Jim and wife Betty, a niece Mary Ward and husband Phil. A niece Brenda Briggs and husband Bernard and a number of other nieces and nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to Trinity UMC or Western Carolina Rescue Ministries or a charity of your choice.

CONDOLENCES

The members of Trinity United Methodist Church send our sympathy to the family of:



PATRICIA LAMB JARVIS
(20 Sep 1939 – 01 Aug 2020)

Asheville. She is the mother-in-law of Janet Jarvis. A service was held Sun., Sep. 20. Online condolences may be made at Asheville Mortuary Services .



ROSA LOCKLEAR JOLICOEUR
(2 Feb 1936 – 15 Sep 2020)

Maxton, NC. She is the aunt of Mark Locklear. A graveside service was held Sun., Sep. 19. Online condolences may be made at Thompson Funeral Home, of Pembroke, NC.

CONGRATULATIONS



Laura Elizabeth Hutchins married Taylor Lee Wearda on Fri., Oct. 23 in his hometown of San Louis Obispo, California. The sunset ceremony & dinner was beautiful and intimate with immediate family attending. We are all very grateful for the many prayers and wishes in the preparations for this trip. The sun broke through that afternoon and it was truly heartwarming. The happy couple, Drs. Hutchins and Wearda, live in New Orleans and are in their second year of residencies. Laura Elizabeth is the daughter of Greg and Nancy Hutchins.

Roof Inn residents. We're making chili in large batches (3 meat and one vegetarian) at the church on **Sat., Nov. 14**. Here's how you may help:

PLEASE, Call Lee in the office to sign up for items so we don't get duplicates.

We will need:

- Four gallons (four 111 oz cans) of pinto beans
- Nine 28 oz cans of petite diced tomatoes
- Nine 29 oz cans of tomato sauce
- Twelve large onions
- 6 lbs ground beef
- Bags of Shredded Cheese
- Sour Cream

- ⇒ Come **Sat., Nov. 14 (time TBD)** to make chili
- ⇒ Make pans of muffins or cornbread or donate gluten free tortilla chips.
- ⇒ Come **Sun., Nov. 15, 3:30PM** to package individual containers of chili, and/ or help deliver at 5PM

ABCCM NEWS

ABCCM is pleased to announce our new Honor A Veteran™. We have heard for years from volunteers who serve because they are honoring a Veteran in their life. One volunteer said she did not serve in the military, but loves serving Veterans to honor her father. While families are remembering the important Veterans in their own lives, needed funds will be raised to help restore the lives of many Veterans with training, a job with a living wage – a new direction in life.

Between now and Veterans Day, families and friends of Veterans across our nation, and history will have the opportunity to place the name, rank, branch of service, photo and short biography of their Veterans on the ABCCM virtual Veteran Honor Wall™. Visit their website - <https://www.abccm.org/honorveterans>

Veterans placed on the ABCCM virtual Veteran Honor Wall™ will be permanently displayed online, searchable by name, to be presented at events and locations across North Carolina. The Honorary Dollars™ will support the many Veteran Services provided throughout our VSC (Veterans Services of the

Carolinas) and VRQ (Veterans Restoration Quarters) Ministries.

The virtual Veteran Honor Wall™ will be unveiled live at a Stand Down/Duffel Bag Packing Event and tour of the VRQ on Veteran's Day, 11-11 @ 11AM (the 102th anniversary of the end of WWI).

HAYWOOD STREET

Current ways to support the ministry & our friends:

1. Make a meal for Friends staying in Respite. Visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dm2y6z> to sign up.
2. Donation needs:
 - backpacks
 - tampons, toothbrushes and toothpaste
 - small & medium women's and men's underwear
 - men's shorts and pants
 - Biodegradable trash bags.

New Drop Off Time: **Tuesdays 10AM – 12PM** or you may call Trinity and we will be happy to pick them up from your front porch.

TRINITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

TLC HIGHLIGHTS NEWS (FROM OCTOBER 27 MTG)

Next TLC mtg – **Tue., Dec. 1, 6PM** via Zoom and socially distancing with Zoom connection in the Library (please RSVP if you are coming to the church; otherwise, staff will Zoom from home). If you have an item for consideration on the agenda, please send it to Nancy Walton one week prior to meetings.

2021 GOALS

Goal setting with SPRC & Staff for 2021 ministry (more will come on that in December's newsletter).

WORSHIP UPDATES

Reopening Information and Worship Calendar (details of that mentioned on the front of the newsletter).



FINANCE

Update on Church Finances:

- We are doing well considering the year that we're moving through. We



ask our membership/ friends to keep as current as possible on their giving, as you have been doing. And we're delighted to report that with the PPP loan having been officially forgiven, we are now able to resume paying apportionments. The TLC voted to pay 3 month's worth of apportionments and then review where we are financially in December. We paid 2 months (January and February) and are hoping to be able to pay at least 6 month's worth, if not a little more.

- The Pumpkin Patch proceeds will allow us to pay all our missional budgeted commitments (named earlier in the newsletter), and possible some of the missional commitments through our apportionments (e.g., Africa University, District Missions, etc.). We could not have done this without your widespread volunteer support!
- Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign will begin in January.
- We will be working on a draft 2021 budget for our Dec 1st TLC mtg. If you oversee any ministry area, please consider what you believe you will need to request for 2021 ministry, and have those in to Lee Thomas no later than **Mon., Nov. 30, 12 Noon.**

TRUSTEES

Update on Trustees items include completed plumbing repairs in the church, and education building; needed gutter repairs at the elevator entrance on Haywood Rd; potential renters in the education building; noting that the Memorial Garden, while in process, will not be ready for a Nov. 1 dedication; and that all our Covid-19 protocols for welcoming up to 50 people in the church buildings are going well. In addition, we continue to be in close communication with outside groups who either are or hope to return to using our space (e.g., AA, Cub Scouts, Avl Jazz Orchestra).



CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 01 Jason DiLoreti
- Nov. 01 Romolo DiLoreti
- Nov. 04 Nichole Esmon
- Nov. 04 Betsey Matthews
- Nov. 05 Mary Ann Patelidas
- Nov. 07 Austin Davis
- Nov. 07 Graham Esmon
- Nov. 10 Carlos Kennedy
- Nov. 13 Nelle Mills



- Nov. 19 Andy Reinhart
- Nov. 19 Nolan Anthony
- Nov. 20 Jacob Hertzinger
- Nov. 21 Mary Jo Harrison
- Nov. 25 Taylor Biggers
- Nov. 26 Lynne Crout
- Nov. 28 Bill Biggers
- Nov. 30 Kathryn Brickley

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 03 Andy & Nina Reinhart



THANKSGIVINGS

- Melanie Mitchell Robertson & Ellen Mitchell, pumpkin patch coordinators; Melanie Meador & Zoe Cecil for decorations and photo cut-outs; all who spent time unloading, serving in the patch, and helping to clean up! Special thanks to Andrew Tripp who served **everyday** making sure our volunteers had what they needed!
- Dear Rev. Walton, Trinity UMC Staff and Members: Thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards and care during the recent illness, passing and memorial for Orba. Having been a member since 1968, he was deeply connected to the people and community that is Trinity UMC. We will be forever grateful to the entire Trinity congregation.
In Christian Love,
Barbara, Donna, Deane, Tonya and family
- All of you for your faithful giving to Trinity!
- All who have given to the Memorial Garden!



OUR SYMPATHY

REBECCA "BECKY" HARRIS GUMMESSON (07 Jan 1932 ~ 21 Sep 2020)



Rebecca (Becky) Harris Gummesson passed on away Monday, September 21, 2020 at Pisgah Manor in Candler NC. She was born in Morganton, NC on 1-7-1932 to the late William McKinley Harris and the late Beulah Logan Harris. Her family were longtime residents of Morganton, NC.

Becky attended Morganton High School and Lees-McRae College and then pursued her career as a Medical Technologist. She moved to Daytona Beach, Florida where she met the love of her

life, Gunnar Erik Gummesson. They were married for 64 years and raised 3 children.

She worked for several hospitals and doctors' offices during her career. In Asheville NC she worked for The American Red Cross and then retired from Dr. Claude A Frazier's office after 28 years of employment. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Mary Mann Sunday School class for 50 years where she served on numerous committees during her time as a member of the church.

Becky was preceded in death by her husband, Erik Gummesson, parents, sisters Margret Harris Hilton, Alene Harris Williams, Mildred Hope Harris, Catherine Ray Harris, Elizabeth Harris Herman as well as numerous other family members.

Surviving are daughter Catherine Todd-Carpenter (Dennis), son William Erik Gummesson (Mary), and daughter Elizabeth Ingrid Sanders; four grandchildren, Erika Todd Barringer (Jermell), Dr. Daniel Todd (Jessica), Cody Sanders, Brandon Sanders; step-granddaughter April Brock; four great-grandchildren Madisen, Graysen, Addilynn, Lucas and several nephews, nieces, and great nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Pastor Nancy Walton will officiate.

A private family Burial will be at a later date in Morganton, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806

ORBA LEE SMITH (13 Jan 1924 – 12 Sep 2020)



Orba Lee Smith, affectionately called "Pops" by his family and known as "Smitty" to many others, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, September 25, 2020, the day before his 89th birthday. On September 26th his family gathered and released balloons in celebration of his birth and life.

A native of Bolton, NC, Orba was a son of the late Elbert Lee and Eva Belle Duncan Smith. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Dorothy Browning and Virginia Bullard; and brother, Horace Smith.

Mr. Smith proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he graduated from Atlantic Christian College,

Wilson, NC, and Duke Divinity School which enabled him to serve as the Director of Christian Education at several North Carolina United Methodist churches including Trinity United Methodist Church in West Asheville where he has been a member since 1968. There he remained actively involved in his Sunday School class, the United Methodist Men and church leadership. He later retired from North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Services where he worked as a counselor.

Orba L. Smith was dedicated to the service of others. After retiring, he enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships forged while on many international building teams with the United Methodist Church, where he traveled to Mexico numerous times, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Alaska. Locally, he built home wheelchair ramps for those he learned were in need. At home he was a genuine "Mr. Fix It."

Mr. Smith was well known in the neighborhood for his beautifully manicured lawn, flowers, and garden, and was especially renowned for his dahlias.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Barbara Ann Rahn Smith; daughter, Donna J. Smith, of Asheville; son, Deane Smith and wife Tonya, and their children, Tyler Lee, Madeline, and Shelby, all of Raleigh, NC; sister, Margie Pierce, of Williamstown, NJ; sister-in-law, Lois Smith, of Hallsboro, NC and several nieces and nephews.

Orba L. Smith's Colleton County, SC, connection is through his wife, Barbara Ann Rahn Smith, who grew up in Islandton. He was preceded in death by in-laws, Marvin and Myrtie Rahn, of Islandton, and brother-in-law, Vernon Rahn, of Islandton, and is survived by sister-in-law, Loretta R. Harriett (Billy), of Lodge, brother-in-law, Larry Rahn, of Islandton, and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Orba's life was held at noon on Fri., Oct, 23 at Trinity United Methodist Church and will be available to view on [the church's Facebook page](#). Memorials may be made to MemoryCare, 100 Far Horizons Lane, Asheville NC 28803 or Trinity United Methodist Church, Memorial Garden Fund, 587 Haywood Rd., Asheville, NC 28806.

GOLDA TILLERY HENSLEY COX (05 DEC 1918 - 18 OCT 2020)



Golda Tillery Hensley Cox passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at the WNC Baptist Home. She was born on December 5, 1918 in Virginia, the daughter of the late Roy and Minnie Ensley Tillery.

When she was an infant they moved back to Mars Hill where she grew up and lived until she and her